

## **PRAIRIE REGION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**June 9, 2011**

### **Present:**

Robyn Benson, REVP Prairies  
Marianne Hladun, Alternate REVP  
Rahil Ahmad, Southern Saskatchewan Representative  
Satinder Bains, Racially Visible Representative  
Alisha Bigelow, Aboriginal Representative  
Shaun Brennand, Regina Area Council Representative  
Joanne Chelick, Northern Alberta Representative  
Alec Goertzen, Calgary Area Council Representative  
Timothy Hunt, GLBT Representative  
Nancy Johnson, Northern Saskatchewan, Representative  
Glen Johnston, North West Manitoba Representative  
Chad Kemery, Youth Representative  
Nina Kiviluoma, Edmonton Area Council Representative  
Kevin King, Southern Alberta Representative  
Frank Lloyd, Persons with Disabilities Representative  
Fran Mohr, Directly Chartered Locals Representative  
Jackie Nettleton, Saskatoon Area Council Representative  
Susan Norman, Westman Area Council Representative  
David Pearson, Lethbridge Area Council Representative  
Gerry Pendulak, South East Manitoba Representative  
Matt Tijani, Winnipeg Area Council Representative  
Gerald Wieggers, Prince Albert Area Council Representative  
Clint Wirth, Separate Employers Representative  
Pat Davis, Regional Coordinator Prairies

### **Regrets:**

Tanya Galenzoski, RWC Representative

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Sister Robyn Benson. Sister Benson indicated that the Prairie Region Council would be in session throughout the duration of Convention. The PRC will meet again at the end of Convention to adjourn.

## **Convention Business**

Sister Benson provided the following information.

### Agenda

- GLBT elections scheduled for Friday at lunch have been moved to Sunday morning from 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. followed by the Racially Visible elections from 8:15 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.
- A rally in support of CUPW is being organized Friday at lunch time. CUPW National Vice-President will be in Winnipeg and so will Paul Moist.

### Credentials Committee 2011 Prairie Region Convention

PRC members approve the following members to the Credentials Committee:

Carisa David, UTE, Alberta  
Gus Mardli, Agriculture, Manitoba  
Evelyne Jackson, UNDE, Saskatchewan  
Tom Milne, Staff Advisor

### Nominations Committee 2011 Prairie Region Convention

PRC members approve the following members to the Nominations Committee:

Nina Boik, Agriculture, Alberta  
Chris Davis, CEIU, Manitoba  
Denni Nelson, NHU, Saskatchewan  
Pat Davis, Staff Advisor.

Brother John Gordon will be the Elections Chair.

The two Committees will be ratified from the floor.

Prairie Convention is different from others. There is no deadline for delegates to register. A member can attend as a delegate as long as the number does not exceed the delegate entitlement of the Local. There are currently 325 delegates registered.

### Resolution from NBoD – Federal Budget

The NBoD, at its June 2011 meeting, adopted an action plan to fight the public service cuts from the Conservative government. A budget of \$500,000 for 2011 and \$500,000 for 2012 has also been adopted. The money will be taken from the Membership Assets Fund. Each delegate will be provided with a copy of the resolution. The cuts will affect separate employers as well.

## Special Recognition for Stewards

This Convention will be honouring the Stewards. A special pin was made and will be distributed to Stewards on the Convention floor. Stewards name cards will be marked with a yellow dot.

## Youth

There is a late resolution to enshrine the Youth Committee in the Constitution. It will be dealt with by the Constitution Committee. Late resolutions can be dealt with after the Committee's priorities have been done. This can be done by a motion to move up the late resolution. If the resolution doesn't get to the floor, Sister Benson committed to speak to the Area Councils who can submit resolutions to the PSAC Convention.

## Budget

Robyn handed out the Federal budget document with a highlight of what PSAC has done. These talking points can be used when members are meeting with their MPs.

## Roles for PRC Members at Convention:

1. Introduction of Kevin Rebeck - Gerry Pendulak
2. Introduction of David Sauer – Susan Norman
3. Moment of Silence – Kevin King
4. PSAC Scent-Free Statement – Jo Chelick
5. PSAC Statement of Harassment – Fran Mohr
6. Introduction of John Gordon, PSAC National President – Chad Kemery

## Additional

There have been talks that some members might be leaving the Convention floor when John Gordon is introduced. Sister Benson asked PRC members to inform her if they hear anything. Members have a right to do so as long as it done with respect due to the position. Sister Benson will let John know.

## **Approval of Minutes**

### (a) January 28-29, 2011 Minutes

Minutes adopted.

(b) March 7, 2011 Minutes

Stella Pruse discipline has been dealt with. There are resolutions concerning the Supplemental Pension Plan for Elected officers.

On the Prairie Voice Awards, the Committee has received many applications. Awards will be handed out on Sunday at Convention.

Minutes adopted.

(c) March 30, 2011 Minutes

Bonnie Lo has been expelled from PSAC by the NBoD. She was informed in writing. Money has been repaid.

Minutes adopted.

(d) April 18, 2011 Minutes

Minutes adopted.

Sister Benson thanked the Prairie Region Council members. It was an honour to work with them. Members of the Council contributed greatly to moving the region forward.

The meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m.

The Prairie Region Council meeting adjourned June 12, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.